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1. During the period of 15 January to 15 February 1954 the writer met with AICOCK on four occasions in connection with the latter's duties as an informant about Albanian activities in Lavrion.

2. Since OBOPUS discontinued using RNBANDY as an informant at the above mentioned refugee camp, the duties of AICOCK have multiplied. However, the latter has continued in his work uncomplainingly. He has been diligent and has displayed excellent initiative in obtaining information other than that requested by OBOPUS. AICOCK's duties during the above mentioned period of time have in general covered the following: reporting on the status of Albanian refugees, i.e., arrivals and departures, reporting status and progress of students at agricultural and mechanics schools, reporting activities of political parties, reporting activities of certain individuals and continuous reporting of sentiment and attitude of Albanians in regard to broadening of HTNEIGH. Listed below are items of interest and value which the writer has obtained from AICOCK:

a. The XMALEDICTS in Lavrion had received a letter from an Albanian named Ali Begaja in USA informing them HTNEIGH had been reorganized to include Fascist elements. Begaja accused Henry R. Malament of being a traitor. He urged XMALEDICTS in Lavrion to oppose the reorganized HTNEIGH.

b. Various XNMALEDICTS in Lavrion received letters from members of JBPARDON stating they had given the cold shoulder to Malament upon his arrival at that camp and at the same time recommended same treatment be accorded to Malament should he visit Lavrion.

c. Unknown members of the XNMALEDICT Party in Lavrion were spreading rumors to the effect Americans had killed RNBRANDY and at the same time urged their fellow exiles not to believe propaganda that HTNEIGH had been reorganized.

d. Jerome H. Kaempfer had sent a cable to Albanians in Lavrion urging able bodied men to volunteer for transfer to JBPARTSON in the event large scale vacancies developed in that camp.

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Information received 27 January 1954:

a. XNMALEDICTS disappointed and bitter over delay in Malament's proposed visit to Lavrion.

b. Unrest prevalent at Lavrion due to lack of information from Rome in regards to final structure of reorganized HTNEIGH. AICOCK stated that talk among various XNMALEDICTS is that situation would be ironed out if Malament made an appearance there.

c. AICOCK stated a great deal of speculation exists in Lavrion over disposition of RNBRANDY and that these rumors are planted by XNMALEDICTS.

Information received 3 February 1954:

a. AICOCK stated on 1 February all XNMALEDICTS in Lavrion assembled in secret session to study petition sent them by Party leaders in Athens requesting all members to sign this petition which opposed broadening of HTNEIGH. AICOCK stated he learned entire XNMALEDICT populace (55 members) signed said document.

b. AICOCK stated that during the week prior to 3 February indications were that the XNMALEDICTS appear to be on better terms with Greek authorities at Lavrion. Previously, AICOCK states, whereas XNMALEDICTS used front entrance to camp commandant's office they now use rear entrance. Another example is the fact that an XNMALEDICT by name of Xhafer Mustafa struck an HTMELON woman over a political issue. AICOCK states camp commandant merely delivered mild reprimand to Mr. Mustafa whereas on previous occasions for same offense a person usually received stiff punishment.

Information received 10 February 1954:

a. AICOCK stated he learned that three XNMALEDICT members dismissed by OBOPUS from the HTGRUBBY staff sent word to party in Lavrion that they had severed all relations with the reorganized HTNEIGH since their convictions forbade them to support same.

b. According to AICOCK, a split among the XNMALEDICTS has occurred in Lavrion. The leader or spokesman of these rebels is an individual named "Eqrem Perona." These disillusioned individuals sent word to the former HTGRUBBY personnel in Athens requesting that the latter refrain from issuing instructions to them in the future. At the same time they accused their leaders in Athens of being liars since the Americans had fired them and that they had not voluntarily ceased supporting HTNEIGH.

c. AICOCK further stated XNMALEDICTS leaders in Athens sent petition to Lavrion requesting all members to sign protesting RNBRANDY's imprisonment and demanding his release. AICOCK states very few signed this petition, another indication of dissension among the XNMALEDICTS in Lavrion.

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d. AICOCK informed writer

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d. AICOCK informed writer that "Loro Simoni", recent escapee from Albania, had been openly discussing his activities while in that country. According to consensus of opinion among those who have listened to Simoni, it is felt that his story is false and that Simoni should be investigated.

e. In conjunction with para a. (10 February 1954) above, the writer has learned from AICOCK that there are at least eight (8) XNMALEDICTS in Lavrion who now feel that they were misguided in their attitude toward the new HTNEIGH and that they should have supported Malament in his stand in regard to the reorganization.

f. AICOCK also has reported that two Albanians returned from France in January. They had gone there as workers under the Farm Scheme and after working on a French farm for several months quit in disgust stating working conditions were unbearable under a French tyrant.

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